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Senator Bradley moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 135 - 393

and insert:

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5 requirements of 12 C.F.R. part <u>1026</u> 226, relating to the federal 6 Truth-in-Lending Act, and Regulation Z of the <u>Bureau of Consumer</u> 7 <u>Financial Protection</u> Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve 8 Board. A copy of the disclosure must be provided to the drawer 9 at the time the deferred presentment transaction is initiated. 10 (14) A deferred presentment provider or its affiliate may 11 not accept or hold an undated check or a check dated on a date

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12 other than the date on which the deferred presentment provider 13 agreed to hold the check and signed the deferred presentment 14 transaction agreement, except when a customer provides a new 15 payment instrument reflecting the new outstanding transaction 16 balance and anticipated fees upon making a payment on a deferred 17 presentment installment transaction.

18 (19) A deferred presentment provider may not enter into a 19 deferred presentment transaction with a drawer who has an 20 outstanding deferred presentment transaction with that provider 21 or with any other deferred presentment provider, or with a 22 person whose previous deferred presentment transaction with that 23 provider or with any other provider has been terminated for less 24 than 24 hours. The deferred presentment provider must verify 25 such information as follows:

(a) The deferred presentment provider must shall maintain a common database and shall verify whether the provider or an affiliate has an outstanding deferred presentment transaction 29 with a particular person or has terminated a transaction with that person within the previous 24 hours. If a provider has not established a database, the provider may rely upon the written verification of the drawer as provided in subsection (20).

33 (b) The deferred presentment provider must shall access the 34 office's database established pursuant to subsection (24) (23) 35 and shall verify whether any other deferred presentment provider 36 has an outstanding deferred presentment transaction with a 37 particular person or has terminated a transaction with that 38 person within the previous 24 hours. Before the office has 39 implemented a database to include deferred presentment 40 installment transactions If a provider has not established a

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41 database, the deferred presentment provider must access the 42 office's current database pursuant to this paragraph and may 43 rely upon the written verification of the drawer as provided in 44 subsection (20). (20) A deferred presentment provider must shall provide the 45 following notice in a prominent place on each deferred 46 presentment agreement in at least 14-point type in substantially 47 the following form and must obtain the signature of the drawer 48 49 where indicated: 50 51 NOTICE 52 53 1. STATE LAW PROHIBITS YOU FROM HAVING MORE THAN ONE 54 DEFERRED PRESENTMENT AGREEMENT AT ANY ONE TIME. STATE LAW ALSO PROHIBITS YOU FROM ENTERING INTO A DEFERRED 55 56 PRESENTMENT AGREEMENT WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER TERMINATING ANY PREVIOUS DEFERRED PRESENTMENT 57 58 AGREEMENT. FAILURE TO OBEY THIS LAW COULD CREATE

SEVERE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

YOU MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

I DO NOT HAVE AN OUTSTANDING DEFERRED PRESENTMENT AGREEMENT WITH ANY DEFERRED PRESENTMENT PROVIDER AT THIS TIME. I HAVE NOT TERMINATED A DEFERRED PRESENTMENT AGREEMENT WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS. (Signature of Drawer)

2. YOU CANNOT BE PROSECUTED IN CRIMINAL COURT FOR A

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70 CHECK WRITTEN UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, BUT ALL LEGALLY
71 AVAILABLE CIVIL MEANS TO ENFORCE THE DEBT MAY BE
72 PURSUED AGAINST YOU.

3. STATE LAW PROHIBITS A DEFERRED PRESENTMENT PROVIDER (THIS BUSINESS) FROM ALLOWING YOU TO "ROLL OVER" YOUR DEFERRED PRESENTMENT TRANSACTION. THIS MEANS THAT YOU CANNOT BE ASKED OR REQUIRED TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL FEE IN ORDER TO FURTHER DELAY THE DEPOSIT OR PRESENTMENT OF YOUR CHECK FOR PAYMENT.

81 4. FOR DEFERRED PRESENTMENT TRANSACTIONS NOT REPAYABLE 82 IN INSTALLMENTS: IF YOU INFORM THE PROVIDER IN PERSON 83 THAT YOU CANNOT COVER THE CHECK OR PAY IN FULL THE AMOUNT OWING AT THE END OF THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT, 84 YOU WILL RECEIVE A GRACE PERIOD EXTENDING THE TERM OF 85 THE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS AFTER THE 86 ORIGINAL TERMINATION DATE, WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL 87 88 CHARGE. THE DEFERRED PRESENTMENT PROVIDER MUST SHALL REQUIRE THAT YOU, AS A CONDITION OF OBTAINING THE 89 90 GRACE PERIOD, COMPLETE CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING PROVIDED BY AN AGENCY INCLUDED ON THE LIST THAT WILL 91 92 BE PROVIDED TO YOU BY THIS PROVIDER. YOU MAY ALSO AGREE TO COMPLY WITH AND ADHERE TO A REPAYMENT PLAN 93 94 APPROVED BY THAT AGENCY. IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH AND 95 ADHERE TO A REPAYMENT PLAN APPROVED BY THAT AGENCY, WE 96 MAY DEPOSIT OR PRESENT YOUR CHECK FOR PAYMENT AND 97 PURSUE ALL LEGALLY AVAILABLE CIVIL MEANS TO ENFORCE 98 THE DEBT AT THE END OF THE 60-DAY GRACE PERIOD.

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99 100 5. FOR DEFERRED PRESENTMENT INSTALLMENT TRANSACTIONS: 101 IF YOU INFORM THE PROVIDER IN WRITING OR IN PERSON BY 102 NOON [TIME ZONE] OF THE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE A 103 SCHEDULED PAYMENT THAT YOU CANNOT PAY IN FULL THE 104 SCHEDULED AMOUNT DUE AND OWING, YOU MAY DEFER THE SCHEDULED PAYMENT, WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL FEES OR 105 106 CHARGES, AND THE PROVIDER MAY NOT DEFAULT THE ACCOUNT 107 AND ACCELERATE THE FULL BALANCE. YOU MAY REQUEST ONLY 108 ONE DEFERRED PAYMENT PER LOAN. THE DEFERRED PAYMENT 109 WILL BE ADDED AFTER THE LAST SCHEDULED PAYMENT AND IS 110 DUE AT AN INTERVAL NO SHORTER THAN THE INTERVALS 111 BETWEEN THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED PAYMENTS.

113 (21) The deferred presentment provider may not deposit or 114 present the drawer's check if the drawer informs the provider in 115 writing or in person that the drawer cannot redeem or pay in 116 full in cash the amount due and owing the deferred presentment 117 provider, unless the drawer fails to comply with subsection (22) 118 or subsection (23), as applicable. No additional fees or 119 penalties may be imposed on the drawer by virtue of any 120 misrepresentation made by the drawer as to the sufficiency of 121 funds in the drawer's account. Additional fees may not be added 122 to the amounts due and owing to the deferred presentment 123 provider.

124 (22) For deferred presentment transactions not repayable in
 125 installments, if, by the end of the deferment period, the drawer
 126 informs the deferred presentment provider in writing or in
 127 person that the drawer cannot redeem or pay in full in cash the

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128 amount due and owing the deferred presentment provider, the 129 deferred presentment provider <u>must shall</u> provide a grace period 130 extending the term of the agreement for an additional 60 days 131 after the original termination date, without any additional 132 charge.

133 (a) The provider must shall require, that as a condition of providing a grace period, that the drawer make an appointment 134 135 with a consumer credit counseling agency within 7 days after the 136 end of the deferment period and complete the counseling by the 137 end of the grace period. The drawer may agree to, comply with, 138 and adhere to a repayment plan approved by the counseling 139 agency. If the drawer agrees to comply with and adhere to a 140 repayment plan approved by the counseling agency, the provider 141 must also comply with and adhere to that repayment plan. The 142 deferred presentment provider may not deposit or present the 143 drawer's check for payment before the end of the 60-day grace 144 period unless the drawer fails to comply with such conditions or 145 the drawer fails to notify the provider of such compliance. 146 Before each deferred presentment transaction, the provider may 147 verbally advise the drawer of the availability of the grace period consistent with the written notice in subsection (20), 148 and may not discourage the drawer from using the grace period. 149

(b) At the commencement of the grace period, the deferred
presentment provider <u>must</u> shall provide the drawer:

1. Verbal notice of the availability of the grace period consistent with the written notice in subsection (20).

154 2. A list of approved consumer credit counseling agencies
 155 prepared by the office. The office list <u>must shall</u> include
 156 nonprofit consumer credit counseling agencies affiliated with

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157 the National Foundation for Credit Counseling which provide 158 credit counseling services to state residents in person, by 159 telephone, or through the Internet. The office list must include 160 phone numbers for the agencies, the counties served by the 161 agencies, and indicate the agencies that provide telephone 162 counseling and those that provide Internet counseling. The 163 office <u>must shall</u> update the list at least once each year. 164 3. The following notice in at least 14-point type in

3. The following notice in at least 14-point type in substantially the following form:

167 AS A CONDITION OF OBTAINING A GRACE PERIOD EXTENDING 168 THE TERM OF YOUR DEFERRED PRESENTMENT AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS, UNTIL [DATE], WITHOUT ANY 169 170 ADDITIONAL FEES, YOU MUST COMPLETE CONSUMER CREDIT 171 COUNSELING PROVIDED BY AN AGENCY INCLUDED ON THE LIST THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU BY THIS PROVIDER. YOU MAY 172 173 ALSO AGREE TO COMPLY WITH AND ADHERE TO A REPAYMENT 174 PLAN APPROVED BY THE AGENCY. THE COUNSELING MAY BE IN 175 PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH THE INTERNET. YOU 176 MUST NOTIFY US WITHIN 7 DAYS, BY [DATE], THAT YOU HAVE 177 MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING AGENCY. YOU MUST ALSO NOTIFY US WITHIN 60 DAYS, BY 178 179 [DATE], THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING. WE MAY VERIFY THIS INFORMATION WITH THE 180 181 AGENCY. IF YOU FAIL TO PROVIDE THE 7-DAY OR 60-DAY 182 NOTICE, OR IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE THE APPOINTMENT OR 183 COMPLETED THE COUNSELING WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED, WE 184 MAY DEPOSIT OR PRESENT YOUR CHECK FOR PAYMENT AND PURSUE ALL LEGALLY AVAILABLE CIVIL MEANS TO ENFORCE 185

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(c) If a drawer completes an approved payment plan, the deferred presentment provider <u>must</u> shall pay one-half of the drawer's fee for the deferred presentment agreement to the consumer credit counseling agency.

(23) For deferred presentment installment transactions, if a drawer informs the deferred presentment provider in writing or in person by noon of the business day before a scheduled payment that the drawer cannot pay in full the scheduled payment amount due and owing the provider, the deferred presentment provider must provide the drawer the opportunity to defer the scheduled payment, at no additional fee or charge, until after the last scheduled payment. The phrase "by noon" means 12:00 p.m. of the same time zone in which the deferred presentment agreement was entered into. Only one deferred payment is permitted for each deferred presentment installment transaction. The deferred payment must be due at an interval after the last scheduled payment which is no shorter than the intervals between the originally scheduled payments.

206 (24) (a) (23) The office must shall implement a common database with real-time access through an Internet connection 207 208 for deferred presentment providers, as provided in this 209 subsection. The database must be accessible to the office and 210 the deferred presentment providers in order to verify whether 211 any deferred presentment transactions are outstanding for a 212 particular person. Deferred presentment providers must shall 213 submit such data before entering into each deferred presentment transaction in such format as required by rule, including the 214

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215 drawer's name, social security number or employment 216 authorization alien number, address, driver license number, 217 amount of the transaction, date of transaction, the date that 218 the transaction is closed, and such additional information as is 219 required by rule.

(b) For data that must be submitted by a deferred presentment provider, the commission may by rule impose a fee of up to \$1 per transaction <u>for deferred presentment transactions</u> <u>not repayable in installments</u>, and the commission may impose a <u>fee of up to \$1 for each full or partial 30-day period that a</u> <u>balance is scheduled to be outstanding for a deferred</u> <u>presentment installment transaction</u> for data that must be <u>submitted by a deferred presentment provider</u>.

(c) A deferred presentment provider may rely on the information contained in the database as accurate and is not subject to any administrative penalty or civil liability due to relying on inaccurate information contained in the database.

(d) A deferred presentment provider must notify the office, in a manner as prescribed by rule, within 15 business days after ceasing operations or no longer holding a license under part II or part III of this chapter. Such notification must include a reconciliation of all open transactions. If the provider fails to provide notice, the office <u>must shall</u> take action to administratively release all open and pending transactions in the database after the office becomes aware of the closure.

(e) This section does not affect the rights of the provider to enforce the contractual provisions of the deferred presentment agreements through any civil action allowed by law. (f) The commission may adopt rules to administer this

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244 subsection and to ensure that the database is used by deferred 245 presentment providers in accordance with this section.

246 <u>(25)(24)</u> A deferred presentment provider may not accept 247 more than one check or authorization to initiate more than one 248 automated clearinghouse transaction to collect on a deferred 249 presentment transaction for a single deferred presentment 250 transaction, except for deferred presentment installment 251 transactions in which such checks or authorizations represent 252 multiple scheduled payments.

(26) A deferred presentment installment transaction must be fully amortizing and repayable in consecutive installments as nearly equal as mathematically practicable according to a payment schedule agreed upon by the parties with no fewer than 13 days and not more than 1 calendar month between payments, except that the first installment period may be longer than the remaining installment periods by not more than 15 days, and the first installment payment may be larger than the remaining installment payments by the amount of charges applicable to the extra days. In calculating charges under this subsection, when the first installment period is longer than the remaining installment periods, the

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